

Appl. No. 09/706,170

Response in Reply to Office Action dated May 23, 2005

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1-17 are objected to; and claims 18-22, 24-35, 37-40 and 84-99 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102. Claims 1 and 13 have been amended; and claims 18-99 have been canceled. Applicant believes the objections and rejections have been overcome in view of the amendments and for the reasons set forth below.

At the outset, claims 1-17 have been objected to as previously discussed. In response, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 13 as suggested in the Office Action on pages 2 and 3. Applicant believes that these changes were made for clarification purposes and further should not be deemed as narrowing and/or disclaiming any claimed subject matter in view of same. Therefore, the objections should be withdrawn and further claims 1-17 should be rendered allowable.

With respect to the anticipation rejection, claims 18-22, 24-35, 37-40 and 84-99 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, the anticipation rejection has been rendered moot and, therefore, should be withdrawn in view of same.

Respectfully submitted,

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